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"Through trustworthy sources," began Fidel Castro, "we have learned that the U.S. administration has instructed the Central Intelligence Agency to resume the plan to kill Cuban leaders, especially its president. We have not, and will never yield to the modern barbarian of our times," he added.

I wish the lying S.O.B. had seen fit to identify those alleged "trustworthy sources." Not that it's essential, for we all know that every single word out of this strutting popinjay's mouth since his bloody ascension to the Casa Rosada has been scripted by his masters in the Kremlin.

When Castro talks, he is merely lip-synch-ing a routine devised by Soviet propagandists, just as Charlie McCarthy was manipulated by Edgar Bergen! It is always the same old tired hogwash, verbose, tiresome, and deadly dull.

Despite the ridiculousness of the charge, for I doubt that Ronald Reagan ever devotes all that much thought to Castro, per se, other than within the general context of the constant pressure of the communist threat in our hemisphere, we ourselves are guilty of having made the most serious tactical error of all. Back in 1975, a Senate Intelligence Committee displayed unmitigated stupidity when it publicly reported "concrete evidence" that U.S. officials had instigated at least eight plots involving CIA assassination attempts against Castro between 1960 and 1965.

It was bad enough for the CIA to fail; (and it has bumbled more operations by far than it has successfully completed,) but to permit evidence of the failure to fall into the hands of the biggest blabbermouths in this nation, and perhaps in the world, the U.S. Senate, where sit 100 persons, most of whom are panting to let any sort of tidbit drop if it will get their names into the Washington Post or the NY Times, is an absolute archetype of "diarrhea of the mouth."

All governments make mistakes, and we certainly make our fair share of them. But our open system; our free press which is fiercely independent of government interference or control, sometimes cause us tremendous disadvantages. When we get caught with our hand in the cookie jar, we have no way of concealing it. It gets publicized all around the world, and we must pay the price in terms of ridicule and criticism.

If we have engaged in any conspiracies against rattlesnakes like Castro, it has been a drop in the bucket, compared to what the Russians have consistently done over the last half century and more!

One of the most pathetic spectacles has been the eagerness with which some Americans tried to highlight Yuri Andropov's love for rock 'n' roll music, gray flannel suits, and sports cars, in order to portray him as an uncharacteristic Russian who could be relied upon to usher in a new era of Soviet-American detente. It did not take very long for the world to learn that Soviet leaders may differ in their outward appearance, but they are all cut with the same cookie cutter...the same one that formed the greatest cutthroat of them all, Stalin. The KGB, Andropov's own special Soviet version of the Hitler Gestapo, was inextricably linked to the Bulgarian involvement in Ali Mehmet Acja's aborted attempt to assassinate the Pope.

But do you hear anything about that from Fidel Castro? Don't be naive; of course not. Does Castro say anything about the Soviet puppet Jarozelski's suppression of Solidarity? Of course not. What about Afghanistan? Wrong again!

I have to tell you this, and it's pretty hard. But I have to be honest with you. My heart of hearts wants to draw an analogy between El Salvador and Viet Nam. But my common sense and my love of country force me to realize that we must resist with all our strength any and all communist advances in Latin America. And we must do whatever is necessary to assist all anti-Communist governments in their struggle to preserve freedom. If we fail to help, the Andropovs and Castros will win. Think about that before you too glibly reject further assistance to El Salvador.

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